



## Speedway City 'take two' for Late Models

With wet weather having accounted for two recent Rounds of the Scotcher Race Fuels & Oils SALMA Series officials are hoping to get plenty of race laps Saturday night at Speedway City. It is the first time Late Models have competed at Speedway City in several seasons and the division is keen to put on a good show for the paying public. Late Models form part of the support program for the George Tatnell Cup.

Round 6 of the Scotcher Race Fuels & Oils SALMA Series has attracted a quality eight car field, headlined by the two car Crimmins Racing team.

"It will be great to be back at Speedway City" said team principal and lead driver Mat Crimmins, who also wears dual hats as the President of SALMA and Late Models Australia.

"Our last scheduled appearance at the track in early January was called off because of bad weather so we are looking to put on a good show for the fans, and the track promoters. I'm confident those who have nominated will do the division justice with some top action".

The Crimmins Racing team has had a busy schedule in 2011/12, fielding both of its cars in the majority of race meetings it has contested.

"We have had to commit plenty of our resources towards keeping two cars on the track this season, but I believe in the future of Late Model racing, and know that long term we will see increased numbers across South Australia and Victoria".

"The promoters have shown great faith in our product, as has our Series sponsor Peter Venn from Scotcher Race Fuels & Oils, so it is up to us, as competitors, to repay that faith many times over".

“Competing at tracks such as Speedway City brings us before a bigger and more influential crowd, and that can only help to boost the appeal of our division” concluded Crimmins.

While Crimmins will be in his regular #10, the driver of the second #64 car on this occasion will be Stuart Hill, who has had several drives this season and quickly adapted to the car.

One driver worth keeping a close watch on at Speedway City is David ‘Snowy’ Hartman in the S15. Hartman is a smooth and fast racer who only joined the division this season but already has several race wins to his credit, including a Feature race victory at Renmark Speedway on March 10.

Another competitor expected to feature strongly is Luke Raymond. The S5 is always immaculately presented and while Raymond was a little off the pace through the middle stages of the season he is making a spectacular return to form, as demonstrated by winning the Feature at Murray Bridge Speedway Sunday March 11.

Two drivers making their debut for the season are Michael Hartman in the #SA01, and Albert Fell in the #S55.

Ex AMCA racer Michael Ffrench is another newcomer to the division this season who continues to impress, showing good speed and skill at the wheel of the S24.

The sole Victorian representative in the field is Rod Edwards in the V21. Edwards is an experienced racer who could easily break-through for a Feature win at Speedway City.

The full field for Round 6 of the Scotcher Race Fuels & Oils SALMA Series reads :

**S01 Michael Hartman** (Proven) Signs On Para

**S5 Luke Raymond** (Rocket 2010 updates : 409 Chev) Auto Techniques / Crane Services / S McLay Mechanical / Hurley Maid of Auckland / Chad Signs / ULX 110 / Preferred Finance / KLM Engineering / Hoolgators All American Diecast

**S10 Mat Crimmins** (Lewis 2011 : 420 Chev) CrossRoads Holiday Park Mildura / FUCHS / Auto Pro Murray Bridge / De Conte Chiropractic / Top Class Tiling / Toledo / Hytek Concrete Australia / J & J Ruston Engineering / Christies Beach Auto Centre

**S15 David Hartman** (Rocket 2003 : 421 Chev) Solid Service / Vehikool / Signs On Para / Lucas Oil / Sprint Auto Parts Salisbury / Collins Industrial Distributors / Real Port Traders / Savage Shots / DNA Growth / South State Industrial Radiators / C & M Engines / Spandex

**V21 Rod Edwards** (Mastersbilt 2006 : 383 Chev) Lake Eildon Houseboat Sales / Finline Building Projects / Eildon Bakery Cafe / Eildon Service Station

**S24 Michael Ffrench** (Rocket 2008 updates : 427 Chev) Rendition Homes / Solid Service / Spandex / Werners Solid Plastering / Texture Coating / Signs On Para / Crimmins Racing

**S55 Albert Fell** (Rocket 2006 : 430 Chev) Auto Techniques / Crane Services / S McLay Mechanical / Hurley Maid of Auckland / Chad Signs / ULX 110 / Preferred Finance / KLM Engineering / Hoolgators All American Diecast

**S64 Stuart Hill** (Warrior 2000 / 2006 updates : 420 Chev) CrossRoads Holiday Park Mildura / FUCHS / Auto Pro Murray Bridge / De Conte Chiropractic / Top Class Tiling / Toledo / Hytek Concrete Australia / Gardner Bearings / J & J Ruston Engineering / Christies Beach Auto Centre

Round 7 of the Scotcher Race Fuels & Oils SALMA Series will be held at Redline Raceway Ballarat (VIC) Saturday March 24 before the Series wraps up at The Edge Hotel Motel Timmis Speedway Mildura (VIC) on Saturday April 21.

Two weeks prior to the Series finale at Mildura however, the nation's best Late Model racers will be in action at the same track chasing glory in the EASTER 10000. The huge \$10,000 to win show, to be held Friday April 6 and Sunday April 8, is sanctioned by SALMA.

For more information on SALMA and its events visit [www.salma.com.au](http://www.salma.com.au)

For details on Scotcher Race Fuels & Oils visit [www.scotcherracefuels.com.au](http://www.scotcherracefuels.com.au)



**ABOVE : Luke Raymond will be looking to keep his winning run going when he competes at Speedway City Saturday March 17. Photo by Rod Thurgood.**

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